

George Washington to General Francis Nash, August 22, 1777, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.

To BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANCIS NASH

August 22, 1777. Sunset.

Sir: You will immediately proceed with your Brigade and Colo. Proctor's Corps of Artillery to Chester. If you can readily procure Craft to transport the Troops by Water you will. if you cannot, you will march by Land and send your Baggage by Water if there shall be Vessels Sufficient to carry it. Shou'd you be disappointed in this also, it must go by land in such Waggons as you can get for the purpose. I have this Minute received advice by express, that General Howe's Fleet is high up in the North East part of Chesapeak Bay. I am &ca.

P.S. Should you be obliged to march by land, I wish you to order your march so, as not to go thro' Philadelphia and to pass by it without halting your Troops near it.¹

¹he draft is in the writing of Richard Kidder Meade.